including the withdrawal of approval, are taken against those violating the norms.

Foreign universities in higher education

†467. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India are considering to allow the entry of foreign universities in the country in higher education sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are considering to enact any law in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Government has not taken a final view in this regard.

Affairs of AICTE

468. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AICTE does not give prompt response to the queries on the matters pertaining to applications for various colleges;

(b) the steps proposed to make AICTE more transparent and efficient;

(c) whether it is a fact that applicants have to come to Delhi and wait for weeks together to get a response; and

(d) the number of applications from Andhra Pradesh for B. Pharmacy courses which are pending with AICTE?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The decisions of AICTE in respect of approval for technical institutes, additional courses, increase in intake etc. are displayed on its website *www.aicte.ernet.in* which is updated regularly. The stakeholders are informed about availability of the information on website through public notices. Individual letters are also sent to the applicants.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.